



# NASA GEOS Aerosol DA System and PM<sub>2.5</sub>

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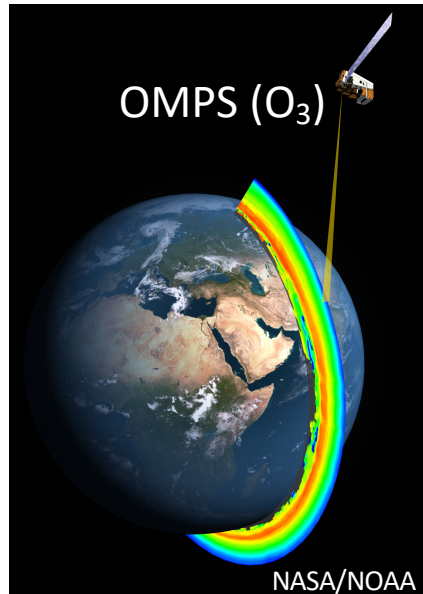
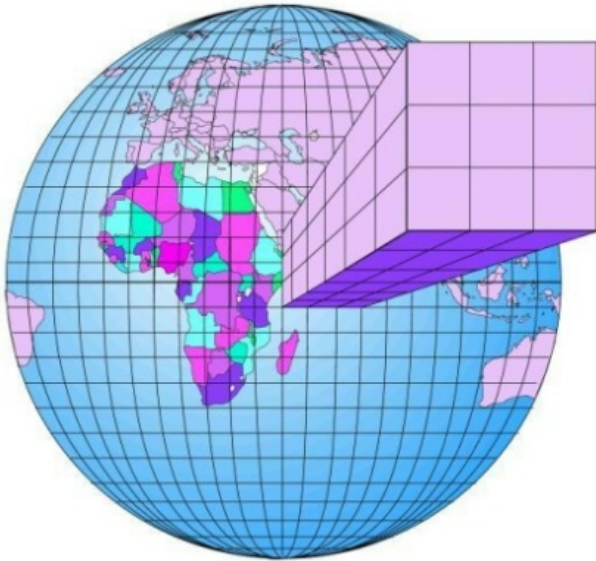
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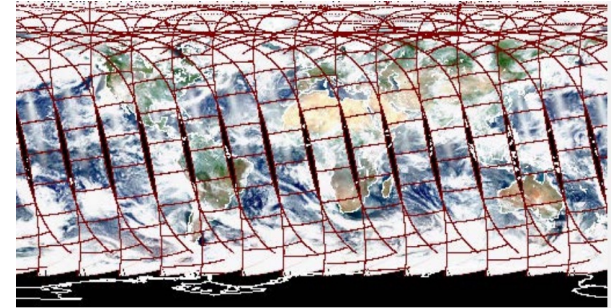
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## GEOS

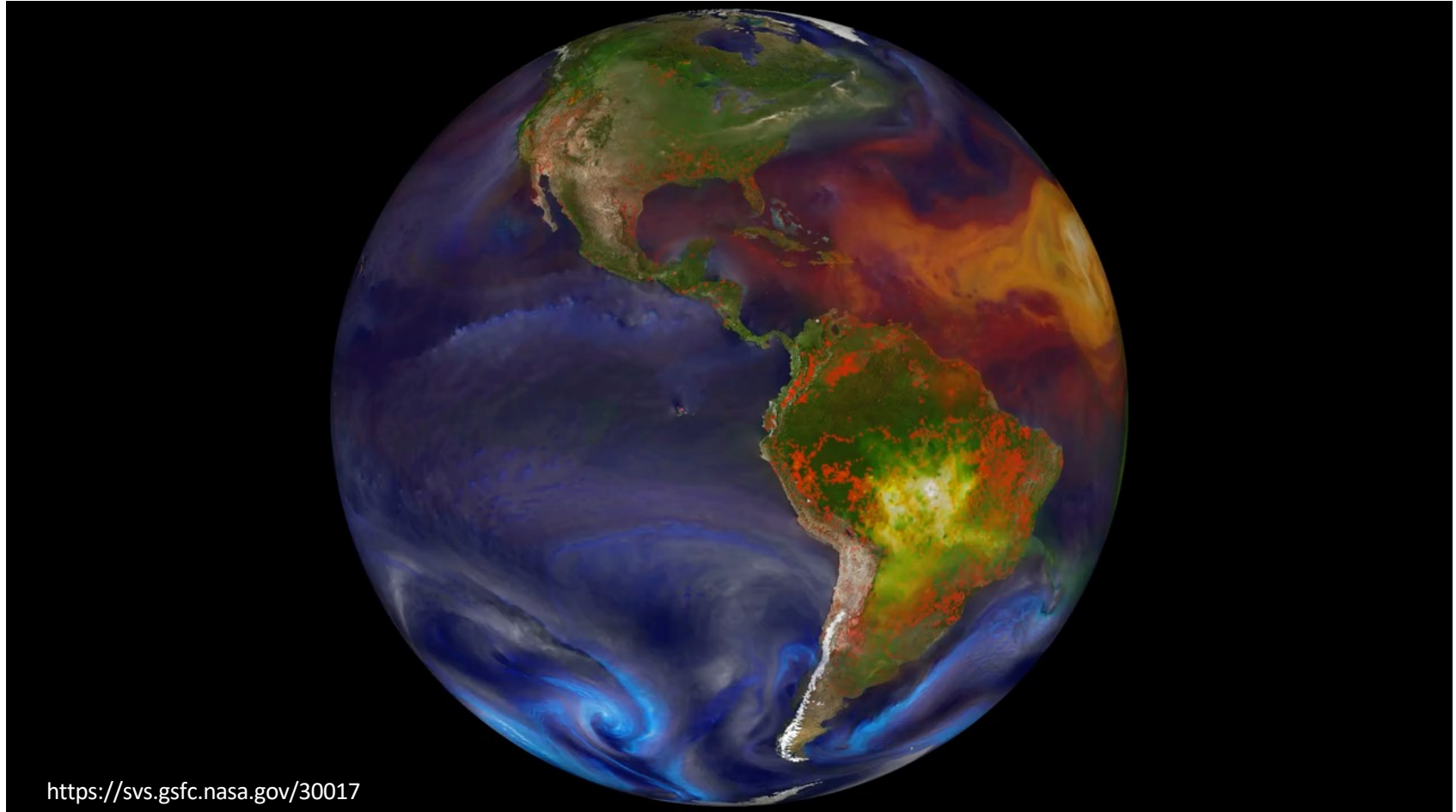


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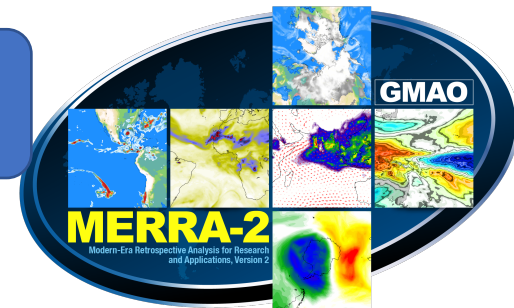
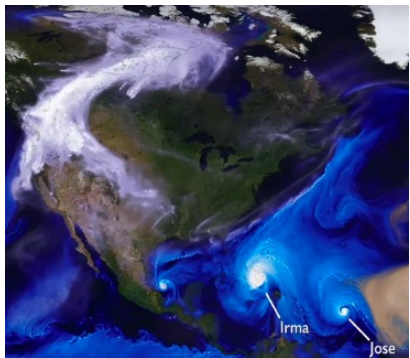
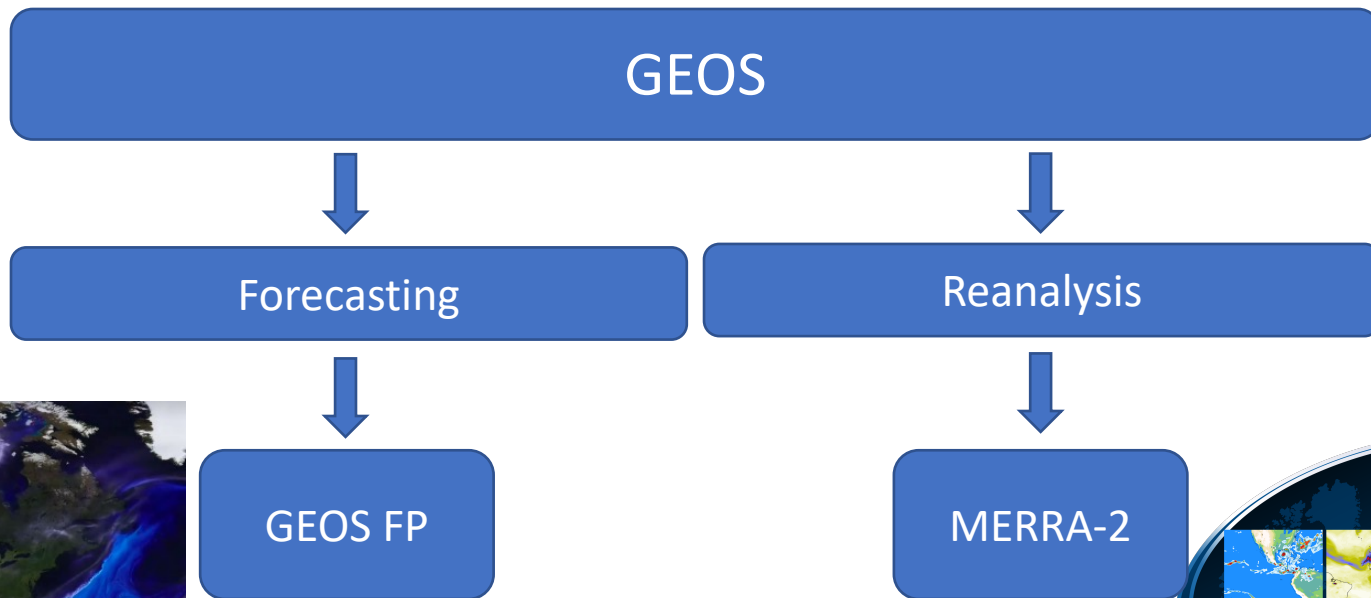


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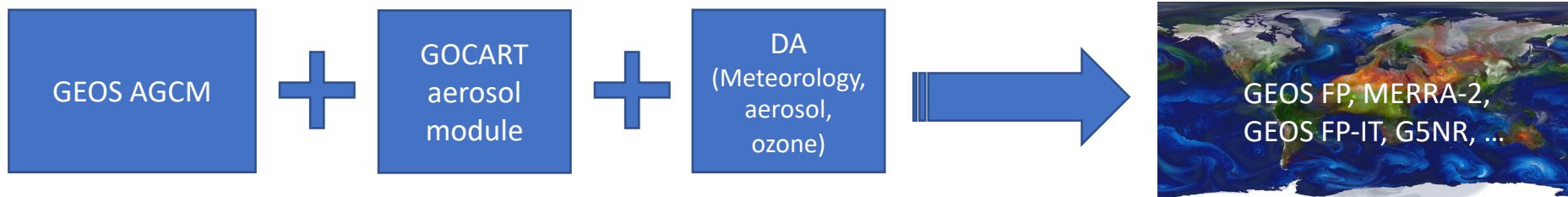
# GEOS current capabilities



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# GEOS aerosol data assimilation system



## Emissions

Biomass Burning: HFED, QFED

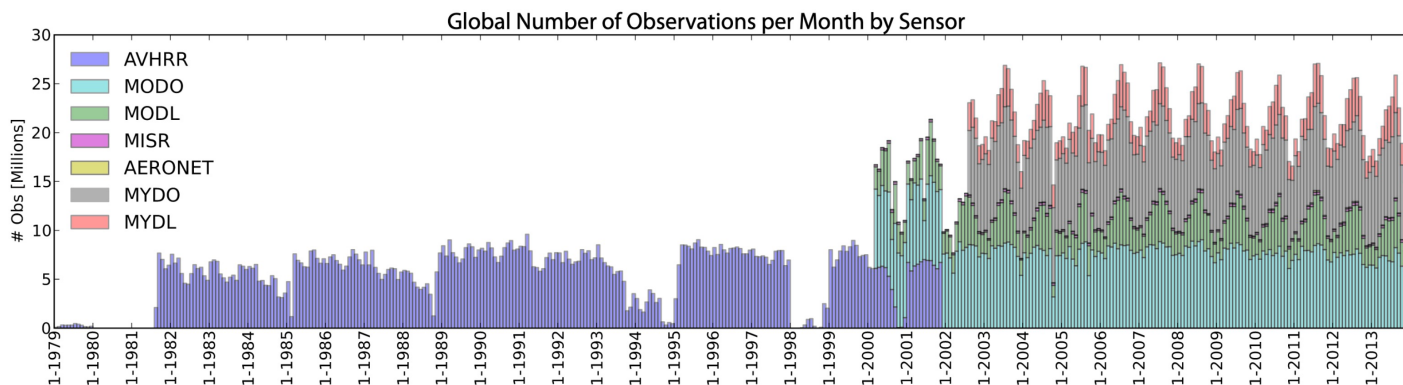
Anthropogenic: Edgar & AeroCom Phase II

## Aerosol Observing system

Bias-corrected AOD (550 nm)

## Particulate matter (PM):

- Organic Carbon
- Black Carbon
- Sea salt
- Sulfate
- Dust
- Nitrate (GEOS FP)



Randles et al., 2016; NASA/TM-2016-104606/Vol. 45

Randles et al., 2017; DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0609.1

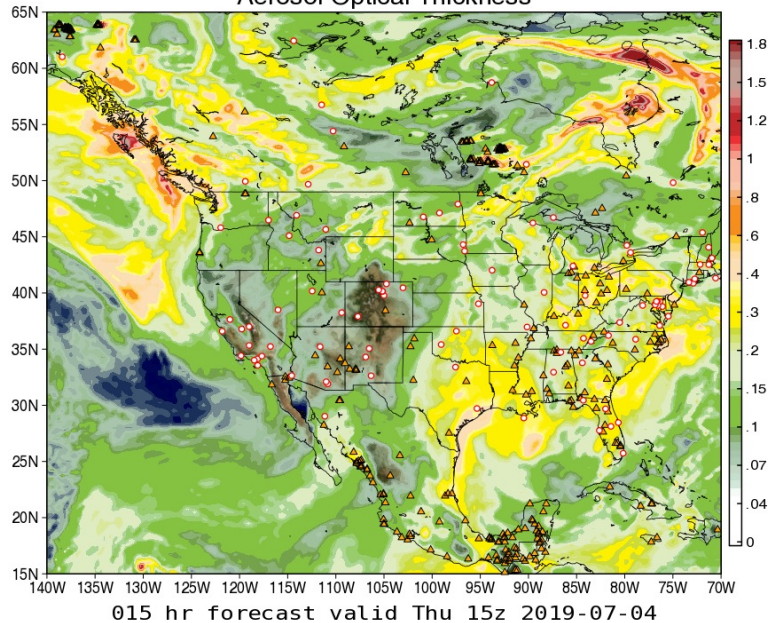




# GMAO Field Campaign Support

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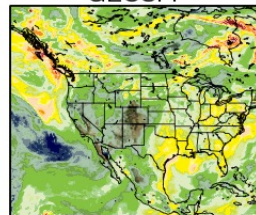
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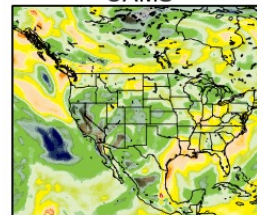
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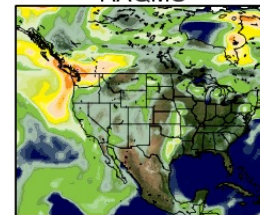
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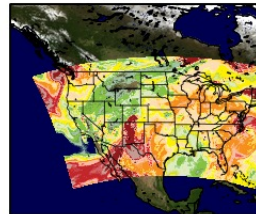
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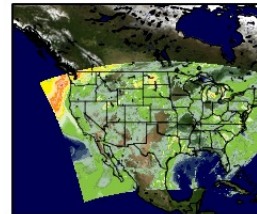
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HRRR



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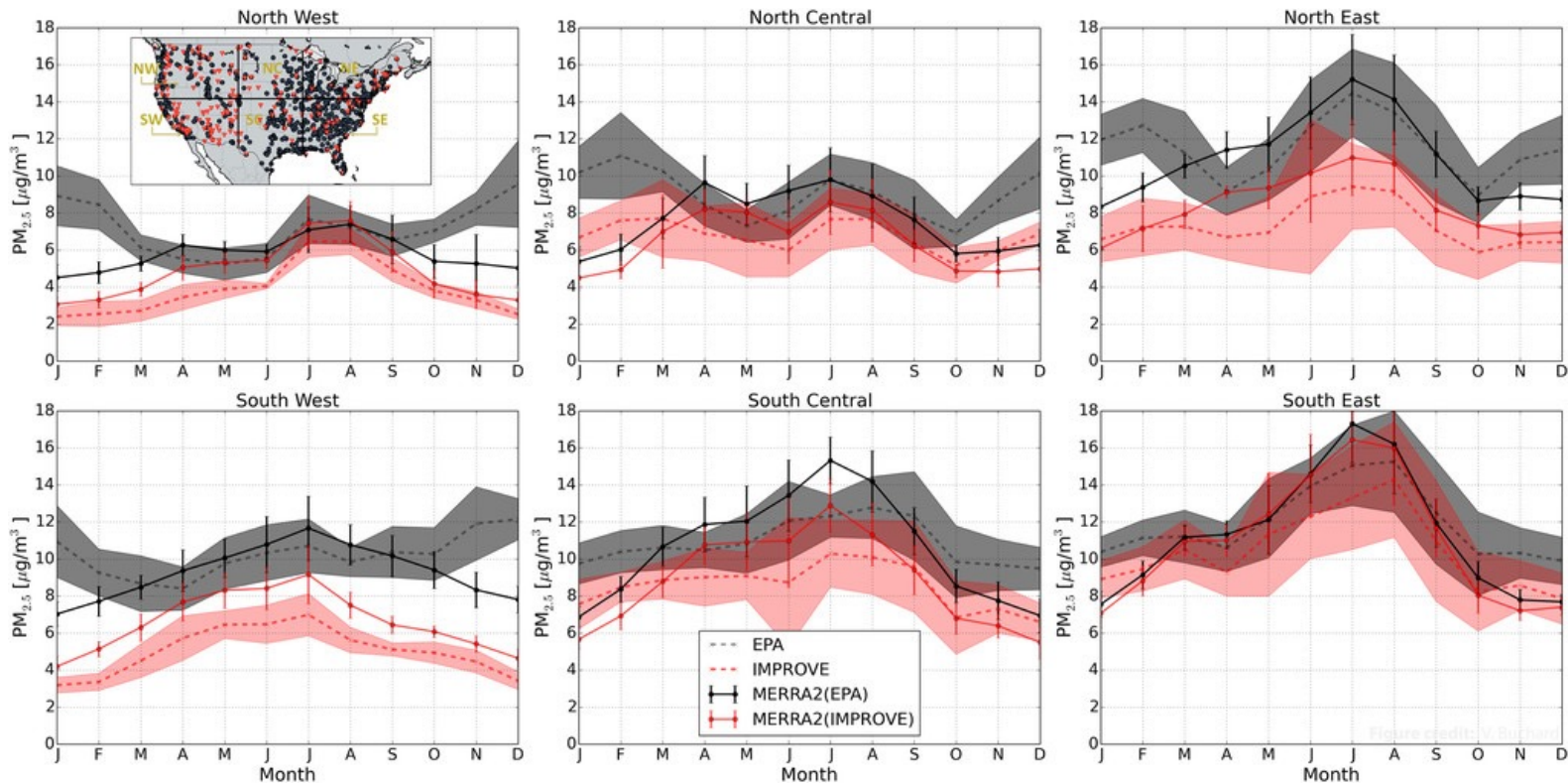


015 hr forecast valid Thu 15z 2019-07-04

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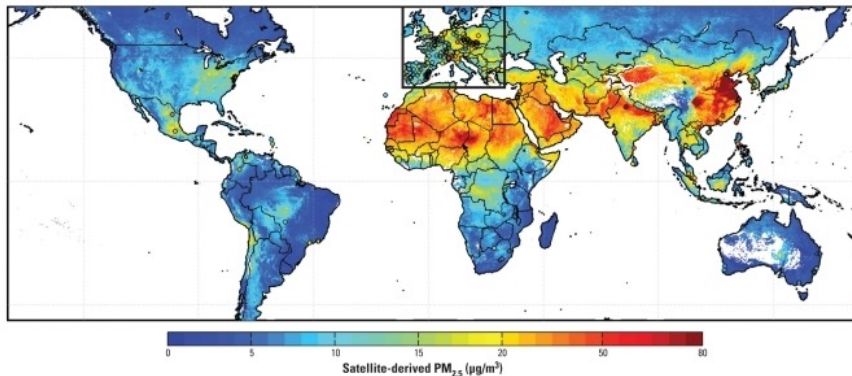
Available ground-based networks of PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Buchard et al., 2017; DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0613.1

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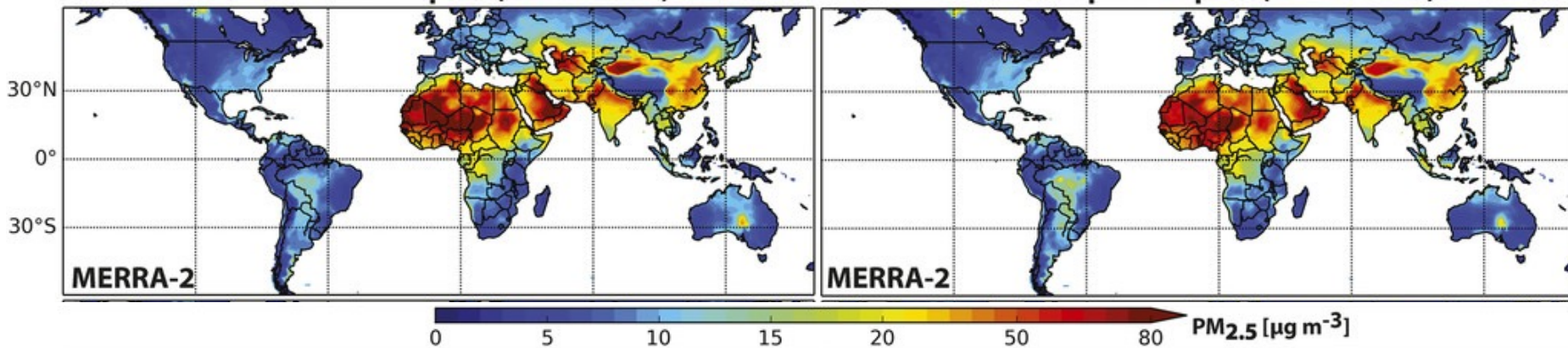
Satellite-based AOD estimate PM<sub>2.5</sub>



van Donkelaar et al., 2010;  
DOI: 10.1289/ehp.0901623

MODIS Terra Sampled (2001 - 2006)

MODIS Aqua Sampled (2003 - 2006)



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# GEOS FP and MERRA-2 PM<sub>2.5</sub> available online

**FLUID is a mobile-friendly website**

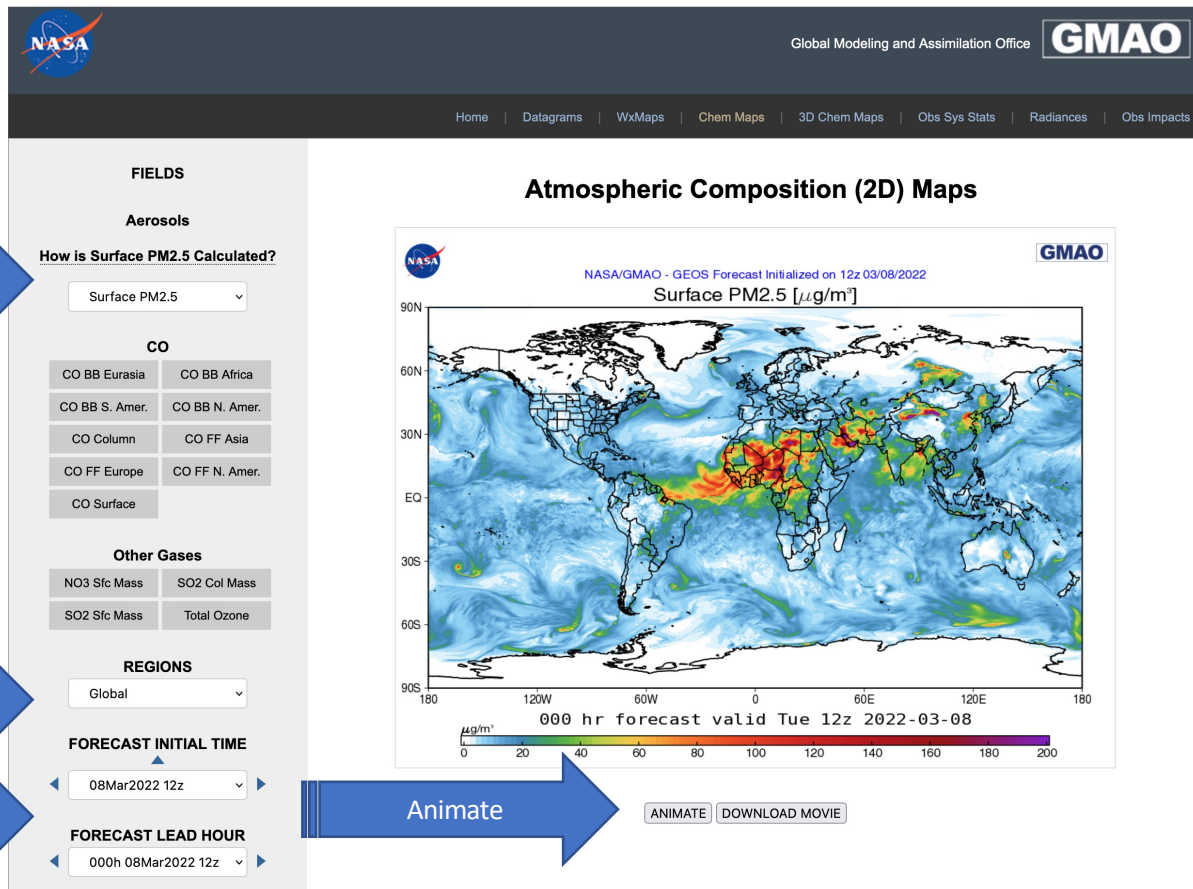
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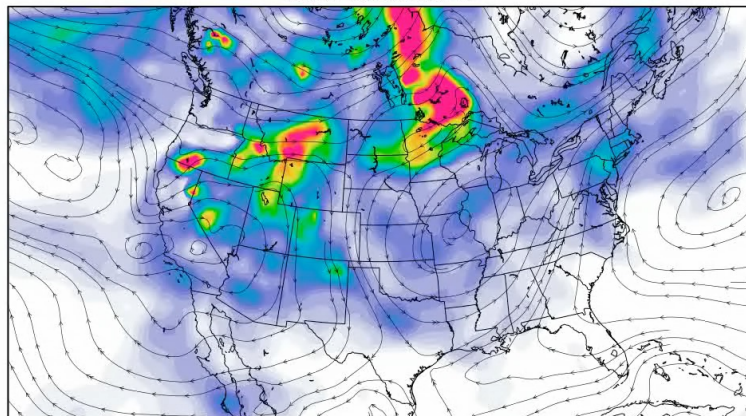
Select the region

Select Forecast

Animate



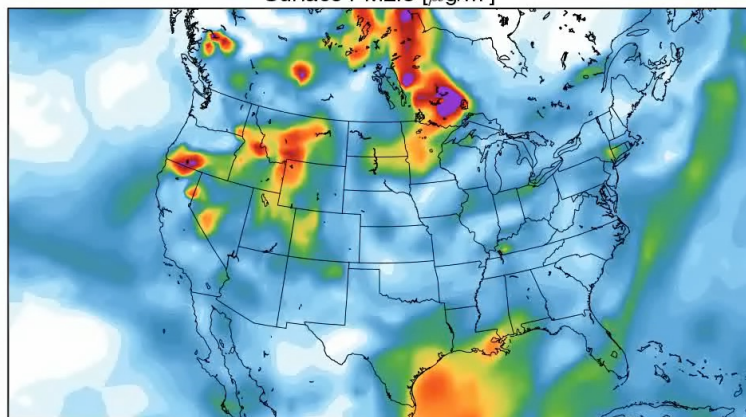
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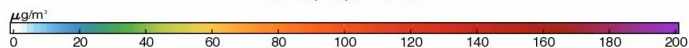
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# Surface PM<sub>2.5</sub> [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]

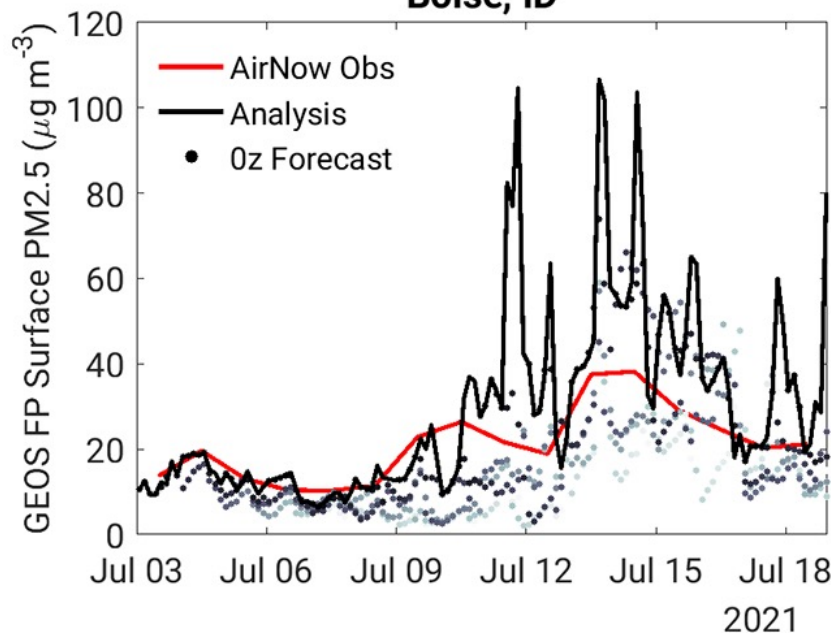


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## Wildfires are major source of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in North America

### Boise, ID



[https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/science\\_snapshots/2021/na\\_biomass\\_burning\\_2021.php](https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/science_snapshots/2021/na_biomass_burning_2021.php)



# Dive into the GEOS Aerosol analyses



**FIELDS**

**AOT**

Black Carbon	Dust
Fine	Organic Carbon
Sea Salt	Sulfate
Total	

**Surface**

How is Surface PM2.5 Calculated?

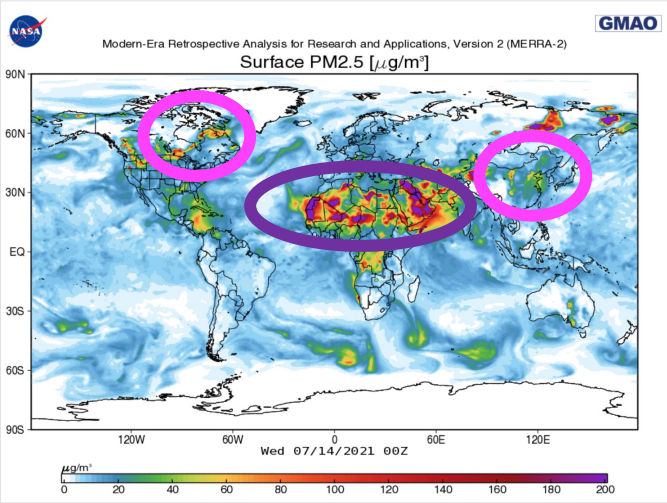
Surface PM2.5	Black Carbon
Dust	Organic Carbon
Sulfur Dioxide	Sulfate
Sea Salt	

**Total Column**

Black Carbon	Dust
Fine	Organic Carbon
Sea Salt	Sulfate
Total	

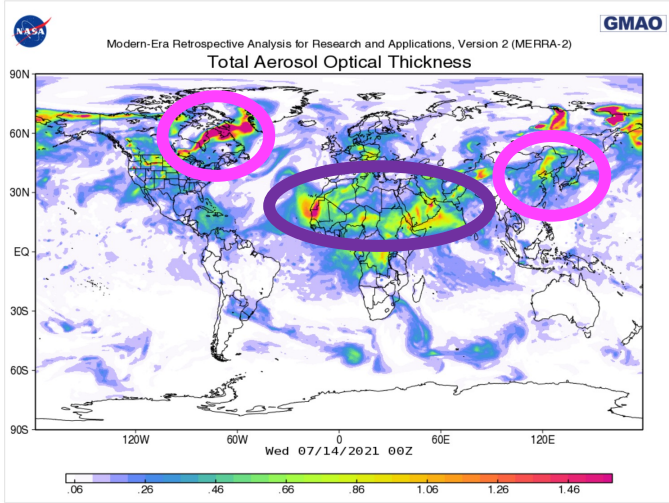
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## Atmospheric Composition (2D) Maps



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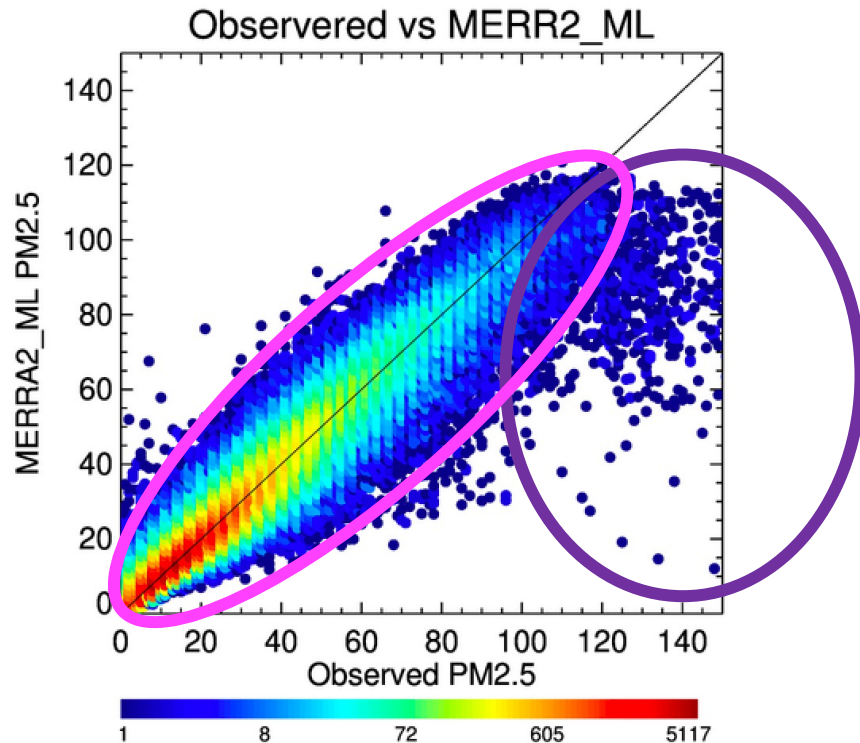
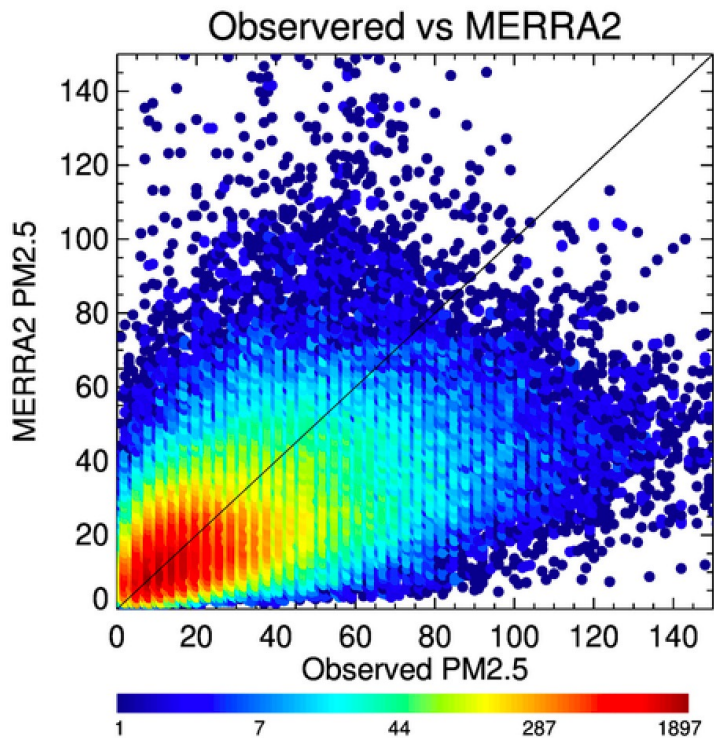
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# Machine Learning algorithms can help improve on biases in model $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ estimates



Gupta et al., 2021; DOI: 10.4209/aaqr.210105





## Summary

- GEOS Aerosol Data Assimilation System assimilates 2D column integrated AOD at 1 wavelength (550 nm)
- Surface  $PM_{2.5}$  can be calculated from the speciated aerosol concentrations from the model's lowest layer
- Surface  $PM_{2.5}$  maps are now available on FLUID for GEOS FP and MERRA-2

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